in Solan district, six in Kangra, three in Kullu, two each in Sirmour, Mandi Bilaspur, Una, and Simla, one each in Barotiwala, Baddi, Ghajiabad, Palampur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Paonta Sahib and Nalagarh, and three in other areas during the period 1997-98 to 2007-08.

Disputes over national curriculum

† 2795. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether controversies over national curriculum have risen during the last three years;

(b) the number of schools and universities where the above incidents have taken place;

(c) in how many courts such litigations are going on;

(d) the action taken against the concerned officers, after courts decision to amend the curriculum so that recurrence of such incidents could be prevented; and

(e) if no action has been taken, the reasons herefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) This Ministry has no information on any controversy over National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 in any school or university.

(c) to (e) A Writ Petition No. 735/2006 was filed by "Independent School Federation of India" in the High Court of Delhi praying for restraining NCERT from laying, framing, modifying, reviewing or implementing NCF. The petition has been disposed of through the Order dated 3.10.2007. The High Court has not issued any direction to amend the curriculum.

Availability of secondary education

† 2796. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether secondary education facility in the Secondary Schools is available to only 51.65 per cent boys in the country, at present;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to expand this facility during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the number of additional schools to be established in every State of the country, alongwith estimated requirement; and

(e) the number of boys who would remain deprived of secondary education, in the absence of arrangement of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per "Selected Educational Statistics -2004-05" (with reference dated 30.9.2004), Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)for classes IX and X (14to 16 years) for boys was 57.39%.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.